

I am writing to protest your decision to allow Sinclair Broadcasting to force all of their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary. As citizens, the FCC is our best defense to keep the news fair and balanced, not to make decisions favoring one party or the other. Your allowing Sinclair to do this is indeed a partisan decision--as it is commonly understood that this will be calculated to benefit the Republican candidate, Bush. Do you care that as a government agency receiving tax-payer money from Democrat as well as Republican citizens you are being blatantly partisan? Did you at least allow for equal time for the other side?

This is a clear example of how media consolidation can give one side lop-sided clout in getting across its point of view. Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge. It is obligated by law to serve the public interest. That public interest includes Democrats and Independents as well as Republicans. When a large company like Sinclair controls the airwaves, the public is not well served. We as citizens get more of what's good for the company's bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy, the balanced airing of views from both sides. Also, instead of news that is produced far from our homes, we want to see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. We count on the leadership and members of the FCC to do their jobs. These issues must be taken into consideration in the FCC's license renewal process. Again, we are counting on you to do your job -- for all Americans, and not to favor one side.

Thank you for your attention to my complaint.